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is engraved onto the cup. Everybody is invited to take part! Please be on time. Supper can be bought for a small charge.

EUROPEAN FAIR

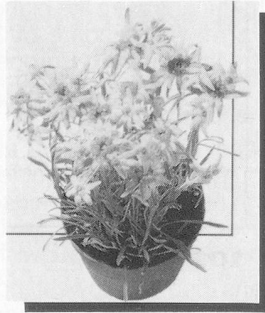
Saturday, 3rd of April Kelburn School in Wellington staged a European Fair. At 10 o'clock the hall was buzzing with activities. The stallkeepers had loaded their tables with goods from their respective countries, the music was playing and customers came pouring in. All stallkeepers were wearing their national costumes and the national flags added colour to the festival. The Wellington Swiss Club offered cookies and apple-juice for sale. The "Schenkeli" went like hot cakes. Many visitors showed interest in the Swissair brochures, as they intended to travel. The German Club's "Torten" were in great demand. If you wished to taste something savoury, you went to the Hungarians and tasted their Goulash. The Dutch group had three tables of Dutch and Indonesian specialities for sale. It was tremendous to see the Dutch people doing the occasional impromptu clog dance.

But this day did not only offer culinary delights. The Estonians for example brought along all their cultural handicrafts and many wonderful samples of handwoven material, all expertly explained by knowledgeable Estonians.

Early afternoon we watched several groups doing folkdancing, some groups were

EDELWEISS AT HOME

Edelweiss, the protected flower which grows in the most inaccessible places in the Swiss Alps is now available as a pot plant. The Edelweiss plant can be left in the garden during winter and it will grow again to its natural splendour the following summer. Takes a bit of the mystic away that surrounded the Edelweiss doesn't it!



singing and others recited poems in their native languages. The hall was packed and spectators were cheering.

This was a great occasion, old friendships were renewed and new ones were made. Already plans are being made for the next European Fair.

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Wellington's Swiss Club new Vice-president Monika Sorensen at the International Fair in Kelburn.

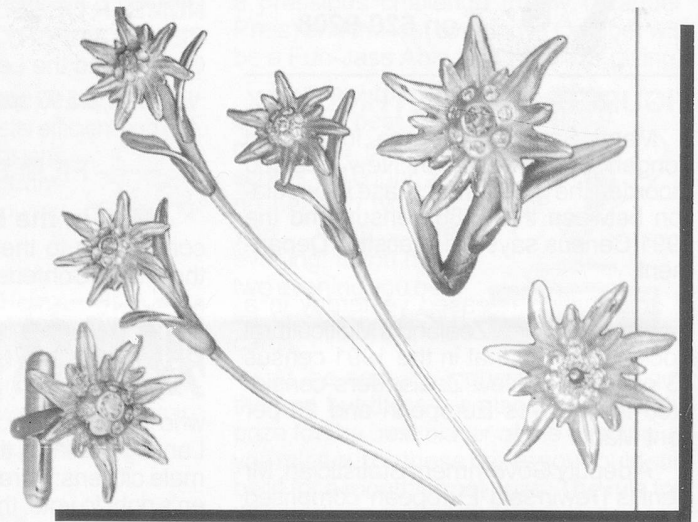
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Relationships between the city of Zurich and the rest of the Canton have always been rather stormy and the present financial difficulties are not helping to iron out the problems either. One of the major bones of contention could also be that the city of Zurich has a socialist majority whilst the Canton is predominantly right-wing.

Fed up with years of sterile discussions, Ursula Koch, Zurich's most fiery City Councillor, has thrown down the gauntlet: let's create two separate Cantons. Ursula Koch complains that Zurich City produces 40% of the Canton's total taxes, but that this money is not distributed in a fair way. According to her, Zurich City pays 1.2 billion SFR to the Canton but only receives 250 million back. She argues that by creating two Cantons, the City of Zurich would save over 500 million SFR a year, even after taking into account the cost of the split. She says: "Let's create a Canton of Zurichland (similar to Baselland) with its own capital in Seuzach, as far away from Zurich City as possible".

EDELWEISS IN JEWELLERY

As if Edelweiss as a pot plant was not enough, a Geneva jeweller has re-created them now in gold, silver and diamonds as rings, brooches, ear-rings and cuff-links.



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